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MONOMETALLISTS.

The So-Called Bimetallic Union
Preparing for National Organization.

THE LUMBER DEALERS MEET.

Want Tariff Restored on Lumber—The
Revolt in the Philippine In-
creasing The Slaughter
Still Goes On.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The meeting of the officers and executive committee of the American bimetallic union began today to devise ways and means to continue the work in behalf of the free gold standard of silver at 16 to 1. It is stated, however, that the permanent business will be to arrange details for a convention of the silver leaders of the country with the view of inaugurating a comprehensive organization in behalf of silver. It is said to be the desire of the officers of the union to call a convention of the silver leaders of the country with the view of inaugurating a comprehensive organization in behalf of silver. It is said to be the desire of the officers of the union to call a convention of the silver leaders of the country with the view of inaugurating a comprehensive organization in behalf of silver.

LUMBER MEN MEET.

Southern Lumbermen Want the Tariff
Restored on Lumber.

Charleston, Dec. 15.—The national convention of lumber interests represented by delegates from twenty-seven states met here this morning. Before perfecting a temporary organization addresses were made by J. E. Deffenbaugh, publisher of the Timberman, and W. B. Judson, publisher of the Lumberman, explaining the purpose of the call for the convention which they are chiefly instrumental in bringing about. They stated that the lumber trade especially in lower grades, had suffered from Canadian competition. They had assurance from the southern lumbermen, who heretofore have been free traders, of their co-operation in support of an endeavor to influence congress to furnish an adequate tariff for protection. A session was chosen to meet in two days' session was made. Messrs. J. E. Deffenbaugh, of Iowa, Forest, of Pennsylvania, Call of Alabama, and others were appointed a committee on permanent organization. Silas G. Gardner of Iowa then addressed the meeting. He said that the call for this meeting was timely. It was made by men who knew thoroughly the extent of the depression in the lumber business and how disastrously trade has been affected by tariff legislation by congress in tariff matters. Continuing he said: "I am an advocate of the proposition that when lumber was placed on the free list all other manufactured products were made dutiable. It was the lowest and rankest injustice and discrimination enacted against the largest manufacturing industry in the United States. An industry that employs the most labor, pays out the most money for wages and with return traffic in goods and supplies, furnishes the railroads of the country more tonnage, more revenue than any other." He advocated a big petition to congress for an import duty of one dollar per thousand feet on rough lumber and two dollars on dressed. This would not be prohibitory and would yield revenue to the government of millions of dollars.

SPAIN'S OTHER REBELLION.

Maudslayi Island Now in Revolt—Native
Troops Desert the Spanish Standard.

Maudslayi, Dec. 15.—It is reported that the natives of Maudslayi Island, one of the Philippines group, have revolted. Many native troops are deserting to the insurgents. The situation at Manila is full of anxiety. Bands of insurgents are frequently approaching the town at night and shooting into the place. It is admitted that there has been a general massacre at Cavite in the island of Luzon. One hundred and fifty prisoners have been revolted and killed. The natives against the garrison, but failed and the revolution was shot down in the streets. A general massacre followed during the night. Scores of natives were picked up, and many prisoners were captured were shot the following morning.

TO OBEY FOR MAN'S NOMINATION.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on finance will take up the nomination of Mr. Deffenbaugh for the position of treasurer of the bimetallic union.

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MACCOO'S SUCCESSOR.

Maccoo's Estimate of Gen. Ruiz Rivera—
Says He Can Hold Pinar del Rio
for 10 Years.

New York, Dec. 15.—The last letter that the Cuban Junta in this city received from Antonio Maccoo curiously contained an estimate of the qualities of General Ruiz Rivera, who, if Maccoo has been killed, as is generally admitted, will succeed him in command in Pinar del Rio. General Maccoo wrote: "Rivera is not only brave, tireless and indomitable, but he is a great tactician. He is a thorough soldier, and has had military advantages enjoyed by but few of the men in my command. He knows the terrain of Cuba as well as the oldest guide, and can hold Pinar del Rio against the Spanish army for ten years if necessary. His idea of mountain fighting have always met with my cordial approval, and in those instances where he has been compelled to think and act for himself he has shown a coolness and wisdom and a strategic talent even superior to my own. On several occasions he has converted defeat into victory. In others, when it looked as if he and a small force were absolutely shut in by a large army, he has escaped without losing a man. In establishing his post he has picked out invariably positions that were almost impregnable, and which, at the same time, permitted him an avenue of escape in case the worst should come to the worst."

"In strong and concealing positions of war and camp equipments he has shown a cunning that at times has made me even laugh. I believe he could conceal a regiment of horses inside of a Spanish army and keep them undiscovered a month."

"He had a great record in the ten years' war, and since that time has continued his military studies and experience. He is a good organizer and a good disciplinarian, and at the same time is very popular with his men. He is what is called a 'Yankee' in his methods, being very careful of his soldiers, cautious of losing life and extremely strict in keeping the weapons of his men in the best possible order. It is well to write you of these things, because, at any moment, I am liable to be killed by the enemy and some one must take my place. If it is Rivera, I am certain you will have a general of much ability and greatness."

Much indignation is expressed by the Junta over the announcement made by the U. S. Consul to Cardenas, S. P. C. Henriquez, that General Weyler, in giving over the murder of Maccoo, had given authority to a band of 500 negroes to march through the island and pillage and ravage everything they met in the way.

Telegrams conveying expressions of condolence and promising to purchase powder and arms for the continuance of the fight in Cuba were received at the Junta yesterday from Jacksonville, Dallas, Tampa, Key West, New Orleans, Atlanta, Guaymas, Mex., and Port au Prince.

The Cuban Junta has not yet received a complete list of the members of General Maccoo's staff who were killed recently. Some of the little band that fell with Maccoo are supposed to have been from California, but the Junta can not confirm that report. A part of the staff, which consisted of sixteen men, were recruited in this city.

William Hill, an arms manufacturer of Jersey City, has offered to the Junta a large cannon, which will probably be accepted.

STRAYED HIMSELF WHILE DELICIOUS.

Camden, Md., Dec. 15.—Lionel P. Smith, whose mother-in-law, Mrs. A. J. Benson, resides in Washington, became demented two weeks ago while employed in the Baltimore and Ohio shops at Parkersburg, W. Va., and was locked up. During his ravings he would repeat the name of Preston E. Haldeman, the mining superintendent who was murdered and robbed of \$3000 near Western Port, this county, three years ago. With Haldeman's name Smith would mutter "murderer." Smith apparently recovered and was released a few days ago. He immediately shaved off his mustache and secured employment in the Ohio River railroad shops at Parkersburg. The suspicion growing among the authorities that he was implicated in the Haldeman murder, and as he swore the description of the murderer, he has been re-arrested, and the authorities here, who have been notified, will make a thorough investigation. Haldeman was a cousin of Governor Lowndes, and \$2000 reward list stands for the apprehension of his murderer.

NATIONAL IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 15.—At today's session of the national irrigation association, the executive committee presented their annual report, recommending that congress be asked to pass acts creating a national irrigation commission and national forestry commission, together with a bureau of irrigation.

A SOLICIT.

London, Dec. 15.—John Stuart Bligh, sixth earl of Darnley, is dead. Lady Mary Bligh, his daughter, was found drowned in a pond last July. It is believed that he suicided on account of an unfortunate love affair.

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DAY IN CONGRESS.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage Opens the
Senate With Prayer - Pension
Appropriation Bill Reported.

THE CUBAN QUESTION AT THE FRONT.

Morgan Speaks for Cuba—Populist
Allen Introduces a Resolution to In-
vestigate Expenditure of Money
in the Recent Election.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage delivered the prayer at the opening of the session.

Hale reported the pension appropriation bill without amendment and gave notice he would call it up tomorrow. The house concurrent resolution for adjournment from Dec. 22 to Jan. 5, was agreed to.

Allen (Pop. Neb.) offered a resolution for a committee of nine on the use of money in the election. It directs the committee to "thoroughly investigate the extent by which money, if any was used in connection with the recent presidential election either in promoting the nomination or influencing in any manner the choice of presidential electors, and inquire whether any such expenditure was excessive, illegitimate, corrupt or unlawful and especially to ascertain to what extent for such purpose the owners of silver mines and gold mines, bankers, manufacturers, railroads or other corporations, millionaires and all classes made contributions and what contributions, if any, were made by persons and corporations residing abroad. The resolution empowers the committee to send for persons, and papers and directs it to report by the first Monday in December, 1897. All sent to the clerk's desk, and had read several newspaper clippings containing charges of irregularity in connection with the recent election. The resolution was referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

Morgan (Dem. Ala.) was then recognized for a speech on the Cuban question. As he proceeded the galleries filled and his words were followed with close attention by the senators and spectators. The senator said he would confine his remarks and comments to the facts stated in the president's message. The president had not indicated any course of action and congress was thus left to its own initiative. It must assume its own responsibility in a matter of the most serious gravity. Continuing he said: "I have not heard that Spain has controverted any statement of the president in his message. The evidence that comes from private sources relative to the condition of Cuba and the horrors of persecution, rape and extermination visited on the people in Cuba admits of no doubt as to its credibility, yet it presents a picture so incredibly inhuman, so disgraceful to the civilization of this age that it turns one's mind into a delirium that such things can be true. If war with the United States is necessary to reconcile the Spanish people to the loss of Cuba, by foreign conquest, we shall be compelled to meet that emergency. If destruction is sought to satisfy the popular sentiment of revenge we cannot avoid war with Spain by remaining inactive. While our own people are being ruined and slaughtered along with the Cubans we can refuse to take any action toward stopping this war of annihilation and extermination? We have no time to lose. Further along Senator Morgan characterized the Spanish troops as "robbers, out throats, assassins, ravishers and pirates." At the close of Morgan's address the senate agreed to his resolution calling for information on Compensator and other cases.

Senator Allabach's pension bill passed over the president's veto, 41 to 11.

HOUSE.

In the house today the Atlantic and Pacific railroad reorganization bill passed.

Woodmen, of Illinois, introduced in the house joint resolution directing the president to intervene in the Cuban affair.

After reciting Maccoo's assassination and Spanish cruelties in Cuba the resolution wishes the president failed to carry out the wishes of the people, that the honor of the United States is at stake, that history gives no precedent on which to base hope that Spanish oppression will comply with the method of civilized warfare and the president was directed to express severe condemnation of Spanish warfare, especially on the murder of Maccoo, to recognize independence of Cuba, and demand of Spain the withdrawal of all troops from Cuban soil. He was also directed to take the proper steps and demand that they be carried out.

ROG CHOLERA WIDELY EPIDEMIC.

Warsaw, Ill., Dec. 15.—An epidemic of cholera, extending over a wide scope of territory in western Illinois and northern Missouri, is carrying off huge by hundreds and thousands. Many farmers have lost entire droves.

STEAMER LOST.

Roscoe, Dec. 15.—The steamer Mar-Fanny was lost off the island of Alderney last night. Fourteen members of the crew were drowned.

MISS LOTTIE WARRNER OF KANSAS, IS DEAD.

Dec. 15.—She was a musical composer and singer.

GEN. WEYLER IS VERY INDIGNANT.

Getting Ready to Deny Complicity in
Maccoo's Betrayal.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West, Fla., says that advices from Havana state that La Lucho and other Spanish papers are quite bitter over the story sent out regarding Maccoo's death, and deny it emphatically. Palace officials also deny it, and it is stated that General Weyler will deny it over his own signature.

More fighting is reported in the suburbs, and the insurgent forces are reported as numbering several thousand. The work of intrenching is being pushed to the utmost and many pieces of new artillery have been mounted.

Two thousand troops arrived from Spain yesterday and were enthusiastically received as they marched through the streets. They were all undressed and appeared like boys.

The anti-American feeling is growing and several of the American correspondents have been warned to be more careful in their dispatches on pain of being deported.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR "SILVER KNIGHT."

Washington, Dec. 15.—A receiver for the "Silver Knight" newspaper is asked, Senator Stewart of Nevada, filed the application in court yesterday. His bill recites that he is now in the hole for about \$22,000, on account of his weekly organ of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1. The Silver Knight Publishing company was organized in July, 1895, and the paper appeared about the same time. The senator says he obligated himself at that time to advance not more than \$1000, but finds that he has given up \$18,000 and is responsible for \$6000 more. He charges that the men who went in as partners have not done their share of the work. He charges them with extravagance in the management of the concern, and cites the fact that one man received a salary of \$80 a month. It will be remembered that during the campaign the senator was charged by the printers with cutting wages below the union scale. The present indebtedness, according to the senator's showing, is \$7000. Creditors are pressing, and the only way to meet the emergency seems to be through a receiver.

The court issued a temporary restraining order on the senator's partners to prevent them from making away with the assets of the "Silver Knight," and gave them until Wednesday to show cause why the receiver should not be appointed.

CHOICE A CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR.

New York, Dec. 15.—Joseph B. Choate has written a letter announcing that he will be a candidate for election to the United States senate in succession to David B. Hill.

Mr. Choate's letter, which is addressed to W. D. Guthrie, is as follows: "You have handed me a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Union League club of the city of New York and have asked me to declare whether I would be a candidate for the position of United States senator, in accordance with these resolutions."

"I view of the present political conditions in this state, I have no hesitation in saying that I will be a candidate, and, if elected, will try to serve the people of the state and nation to the best of my ability."

"I am deeply grateful for the compliment paid me by the Union League club, forasmuch as it has ever been among organizations devoted to the success of the Republican party, for whose candidates I have voted from the beginning and in whose principles I have always believed."

In that party the country must look now, as it ever has, for the national safety and prosperity and the preservation of the constitution. Joseph B. Choate."

YEARS OF SUFFERING ARE ENDED.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 15.—James Claiborn, for many years a leading merchant of this place, is dead, the result of a stroke received seventeen years ago.

His case is probably without a parallel. For several years he had suffered intensely and frequently prayed for death. After fervent prayer he was raised up and was able to visit his old home in Scotland. He returned to America, reposed, and died. He had offered a large sum to any doctor who would cure him.

SHOT FOR WHIPPING HIS SWEETHEART.

Brenham, Texas, Dec. 15.—While Bob Johnson was whipping his sweetheart, her cousin Jerry Russell, procured a shotgun and shot him in the side. As Johnson ran Henry Jones drew a six shooter and fired three shots at him, one of which took effect in the back, the two shots produced wounds from the effects of which he is dying. Both his assailants have been arrested and are in jail.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—The second day's convention of the American federation of labor the opening session was rather brief and devoted to reports of committees. The committee on credentials asked for the time which was granted, after some wrangling. The committee on rules presented a report. The other committees asked further time and a recess was taken till this afternoon.

RAVE BOOKS FOR PRISONERS.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 15.—The valuable Morgan collection of early edition of Virgil was yesterday presented to Princeton by the owner, Junius S. Morgan of New York. The collection is valued at \$50,000. One volume alone is valued at \$10,000, this being the Swagbush and Panama first edition, Rome, 1496, of which only six copies exist.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Silver Senators Have Been
Trifling With the Dingley
Bill, but—

MAY HAVE TO GO ON RECORD.

Democrats Tried to Kill the Bill Re-
stricting Immigration—Prepar-
ing a Tariff Bill for the
Special Session.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Republicans have every reason to feel gratified at the outcome of the consideration of senators and representatives of the party, which have been a feature of the first week of congress. With the exception of the few silver bolters the party and both branches of congress is a unit as to what is to be done in the near future. Without a majority in the senate the party is powerless to force tariff or any other legislation at this session of congress, but the mischievous silver element in the senate, led by Allen, the Nebraska Populist, have already been taught that the Republican senators do not intend to lose any opportunity to pass the Dingley bill the present session. These would-be mischief-makers started out with the mistaken idea that the Republicans were afraid of the Dingley bill and that they could so demonstrate to the country; they may find themselves prepared to go on record as the opponents of increasing the revenues of the government before the short session closes, by being forced to vote on the Dingley bill.

The Republican members of the house committee on ways and means have once more demonstrated that the Republican party, never shirks its responsibilities and always keeps promises made to the people by dodging to begin at once the preparation of a protective tariff bill, to be passed at the extra session of the next congress. No man in congress is better fitted to provide over those preparations than is Chairman Dingley of that committee, and no man is better fitted to direct the department of the government charged with the administration of the tariff law, should President McKinley see fit to name him his secretary of the treasury, as many believe he will. There are probably not twenty men in the country who are so well posted on the tariff as Mr. Dingley is, and this is especially fortunate both for the country and for the Republican party, as it is the intention to make the new tariff bill the best we have ever had—not catering to favorite industries, as the present law does, but equitable protection for all, and at the same time revenue enough to meet the needs of the government. It is in a sense an innovation for the ways and means committee of one house to prepare a bill for the next house, but it happens to be all right in this case, as every Republican member of the present committee has been re-elected to the next house and will be certain to retain their committee places because Speaker Reed will be chosen speaker of the next house without Republican opposition.

The ways and means committee has already held a formal meeting and assigned the work of preparing the different schedules of the new tariff bill to the individual members of the committee best fitted to handle them, and hearings of the Representatives of different industries will at once be arranged for. One of the mistakes of the past which will be avoided by the new bill will be the heavy importations of foreign goods and the consequent injury of our own manufacturers and working men. This will be done by providing that dutiable goods in bond are to be sold at once upon which the new bill becomes a law shall pay duty under the new and not the old law.

No one was greatly surprised when certain Democratic senators—sixteen of them—tried to kill the bill forbidding the landing of any immigrant between the ages of 16 and 60 years who is unable to read five lines of the United States constitution in some printed language, by postponing its consideration until January. But the decisive manner in which these senators, working in the interest of steamship companies rather than to take the standard of our foreign born citizens, were set upon by thirty seven senators indicates almost to a certainty that the bill will be passed before the holiday recess.

The house during its first week passed the regular pension appropriation bill, several important postal bills, a number of miscellaneous measures and private pension bills, and a bill prohibiting the use of liquor in the capitol building, and this week another one of the appropriation bills will be reported and probably passed. It is strictly a business body, as has been every house presided over by Speaker Reed.

Senator Sherman, chairman of the Re-publican senatorial caucus, lost no time in complying with the unanimous instructions of the caucus to appoint a committee of five to devise legislation in the interests of international bimetallicism, and although he is often accused of being unworshipfully to silver, every man on the committee is a bimetallicist. They are Senators Wolcott, Hoar, Chandler, Carter and Gear.

D B GEORGE OF SAVOY, IS TO OPEN AN

Implement house in Champlain.

MPHERSON WAS A SCHEMER.

Side Lights on Man Who is to be Tried for
His Life.

Norman McPherson, the confessed murderer of John Finley, the city marshal at Morning Sun, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1895, is now in jail at Fort Madison. He was taken away early this morning by Sheriff DeFord, of Louisa county. The \$300 reward goes to Officer Leach and it will come from the governor of Iowa who will no doubt lose no time in seeing that the cash is promptly forwarded to the officer.

ON THE FIFTH FLOOR.

Activity at Powers' New Block—Lodge Rooms.

Just now everything is lively on the fifth floor of Powers' new block. The contractors are rushing the men to finish the different rooms on that floor, so that they can be occupied. The double elevator is about ready for use day and night for parties who have office space leased on the third, fourth and fifth floors. Soon after Jan. 1 about all of the rooms on all the floors will be occupied.

On the fifth floor at the corner there is a room of great size and splendid light designed for club rooms or the public library. The hall from the elevator landing leads out to offices on the right, and a photographer's room on the left. Thence on to the Decatur gymnasium room on the state street side, and thence north to the wide and long space at the corner of State and Main street, leased by Cyr de Leon lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias. There is first a reception room, next an ante room, both of ample size, then the lodge room proper, north of which is the banquet hall, both large, well lighted and well ventilated in the corner of the lodge room is a big property room for the Knights of Pythias. Two large doorways open into the banquet hall. On the west side of this room are four large property rooms and there are six others of smaller size opening off the rear hall way, each of easy access. Then there is a large kitchen with windows opening on the court. The kitchen is but a step or two from the banquet hall. There are plenty of transoms and a wide hall off the court to afford good ventilation in the lodge room or banquet hall.

The lighting arrangements which include gas and electric attachments are perfect as to details. The Knights of Pythias will furnish the hall in elegant shape. It will be a very pretty and comfortable lodge home for the Pythians and all sub-rotators—the best in the city in all its appointments.

PICTURES IN ACTION.

Marvelous Cinematograph Show at the Grand-Thermapia Wonder.

Those who failed to visit the Grand last night missed witnessing the performance of the marvelous cinematograph, the latest thing in electric photography. A large number of pictures, life size, were shown on the canvases and the figures in action were shown with wonderful accuracy, parties in bathing costumes about, on at play, the march of German and French cavalry, crowded street scenes at Milan, Spain, the ladder and the funny quarrel at cards with the drowning action of the gardener's hose, all produced a wonderful effect and earned enthusiastic applause. Many of the pictures had to be repeated.

The specialties by the Vaudeville company were good, especially the impersonations by Sydney Grant, Major Doyle and the musical grotesque. The human marvel, Sherman, the great and only contortionist, is truly an anatomical wonder. He has absolute control of all his ligaments and can twist himself all out of shape. The young man was subject of wonder for students in a Chicago hospital for several months. At will he can dis-joint any of his fingers, his elbow, shoulders, hip, knees and ankles and while walking forward can look backward with apparent ease.

SALOOMS FOR INDIANS "DRY" TOWNS.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 15.—A year ago, under the local option clause of the Nicholson law, saloons were driven out of Russellville, Greentown, Galveston and Burlington, small towns near here. At the present sitting of the commissioners applications were filed for saloons at Russellville, Galveston and Greentown and the licenses were granted. The reason assigned for declining to resist the applications is that the quart shops that sprang up in the places of the closed saloons are worse than the retail shops.

DINNER AND SALE.

Held To-Day by the Ladies of the
Different Churches for the
Millikin Home.

MONEY GOES FOR A NEW BUILDING.

Which Will be Erected When a Sufficiently Large Fund Has Been Raised—Dinner was Well Attended and the Proceeds Were Large.

A large dinner and sale was given today in the building at the corner of William and Franklin streets recently vacated by the Linn & Sengstack store, for the benefit of the Anna B. Millikin Home. Ladies from almost all of the churches in the city assisted and the affair was the largest of the kind that has been given in the city this year.

At noon dinner was served to several hundred persons. The meal was an excellent one and the menu contained almost everything that could be asked for. There were eleven tables and at those the guests were seated. Dinner will be served this evening.

The tables were in charge of the following ladies:

First table—Mrs. George W. Myer, Mrs. Warren Sellers, Mrs. M. W. Shultz, Mrs. Rehnoldt and Miss Wise.

Second table—Mrs. F. O. Danrow, Mrs. T. J. Abel, Mrs. Charles McCassey and Mrs. Simmer.

Third table—Representing the Church of God, Miss Clara Starr, Mrs. Lottie Fritz, Mrs. L. H. Theobald, Mrs. Mary Nunnemaker, Mrs. Mary Braden and Mrs. Mollie Henry.

Fourth table—English Lutheran church, Mrs. M. L. Dock, Miss Hattie Komper, Miss Ella Coble, Miss Larson and Mrs. John Ott.

Fifth table—First Baptist church, Mrs. L. A. Buckingham, Mrs. W. C. Dimock, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Walker, Hutchins and Mrs. J. L. Drake.

Sixth table—Episcopal church, Mrs. Metz, Miss Holt and Miss Munson.

Seventh table—Grace Methodist church, Mrs. T. L. Antrim, Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Robert Dixon, Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger, Mrs. N. S. Crumman and Miss Hamble Henkle.

Eighth table—First Presbyterian church, Mrs. F. T. Roberts, Mrs. Benton, Blackstone, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Mrs. A. M. Lytle, Mrs. Smith, Miss Margaret and Anna Roberts and Edith Lytle and Mrs. J. D. Moore.

Ninth table—St. John's Episcopal church, Mrs. Maudie Burrows and Mrs. E. P. Guyton.

Tenth table—Church street Christian church, Mrs. Brutalier, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Klett, Mrs. Coburn, Mrs. Wandell and Mrs. Warnick.

Eleventh table—Presbyterian church, Mrs. A. T. Hills, Mrs. Frank Wells, Mrs. W. W. Whitely, Mrs. D. R. Alexander, Mrs. H. I. Baldwin and Mrs. Stadler.

A table where candies were sold by the women's exchange was in charge of the ladies of the exchange board, Mesdames O. B. Gorin, J. M. Marie, W. B. Hontefor, J. B. Bullard, Lux Montgomery, John Armstrong, W. H. Brooks and Miss Gustin Griffin and Jennie Montgomery.

The whole affair was under the general supervision of Mrs. W. E. Busher. The kitchen was in charge of ladies from the different churches. Mrs. Frank Schlemmer had charge of the check room. Miss Lillian Corbett was door keeper and Charles Armstrong sold tickets. The ladies who are inmates of the home made a number of quilts which will be sold this evening.

The proceeds of the sale, which will be large, will be laid aside to start a fund for the new building which the house expects to have. James Millikin has offered to give the home \$10,000 if the managers will raise a like amount and for this purpose the fund will be started. The present building occupied by the home has become too small to accommodate all of those who apply and a larger building is necessary.

DIVORCE DECREE ANNOTED.

Chattanooga, Neb., Dec. 15.—Nearly a year ago Alfred E. Bartlett, a Davenport farmer, obtained a divorce from his wife in the district court here. Within three months he married a school teacher. A third Bartlett, his son, who is the present sheriff of this county, procured his mother to bring suit to have the divorce annulled. One of the reasons advanced was that Bartlett had failed to comply with the law which prohibits marriage by either party to a divorce within six months from the granting of the decree. In the district court yesterday Judge Westover, annulled the divorce.

Edward of Great for a Murderer. Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 15.—The revolver with which the burglar killed a grocer Hart yesterday morning was found yesterday in the corn field through which the robber escaped. It was covered with blood, showing that the murderer was badly cut. A large force has been brought out for the criminal trial, and the sheriff has offered \$500 reward for his capture.

PAINT THIEVES REPAID FOR.

Wilkesboro, Pa., Dec. 15.—During a family quarrel today Marie Poppe shot and killed John Keltch, then blew out a brain.

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senate and to serve those worthily as a successor of Douglas, Logan, Trumbull, Yates, Oglesby, Davis, Broese and Palmer. Is not that belief a mistaken one? To carry it out would be "rubbing it in" on the people of this state, and especially on those of Chicago and Cook county. The cannot have a strong back and can stand heavy burdens. When the over-riding point is reached, however, the patient animal rebels and there is trouble. When a political party is in the majority it is apt to split into three factions, two of them small and highly organized, and the third large, but unorganized. Of the first two factions the stronger one seizes possession of the party machinery. It controls the primaries, rules conventions, and has the disposal of the offices. The minority faction is made up of the men who would like to have the party machinery and the offices in their control. These two factions take in all the "practical politicians" and the men who want the offices, big and little, and think the easiest way to get them is to tag after an office huckster. The third faction, much more numerous than the other two put together, is made up of people who are not in search of offices, and who believe in honest and economical government and civil service reform. The county faction has waxed fat. Aided by the tariff policy of the Democrats and the free silver issue, it has provided for a large number of ex-aldermen and other ex-officials, not all of whom are highly esteemed by the people. Will that faction practice the difficult art of wisdom and moderation in the future or will it ride for a fall? If that faction, intoxicated by successes which are largely accidental as far as it is concerned, should try to put an undisciplined man in the United States senate, and some ex-alderman in the mayor's chair to nullify the civil service law and make the offices again the booty of spoilsmen, there would be an insurrection which would be fatal to the machine. Whenever the dominant faction goes a little too far, the unorganized citizens, who want to seek fit men in the offices, nominate an independent ticket and beat the regular ticket, or they beat it by voting for the candidates of the other party. The leaders of party weigh lightly on Chicago Republicans when those who control the political machinery try to make them swallow bitter doses. They have shown their independence in the past and are not servile now. So if the county faction does not wish to defeat itself and the Republican party next spring and elect a Democratic mayor, it will be cautious and go slow. They must not undertake to grab and monopolize everything and ignore the wishes of the rank and file of non-office-seeking citizens. If they do their machine will most likely be upset and smashed. The Hearings. Chairman Dingley and his committee on ways and means held a meeting yesterday with the view of arranging details for formulating a tariff bill along protection lines and for the repeal of the Wilson tariff, and the promptness with which they arranged a program for hearings during the holidays shows they mean business, and also, that they are fully advised that President McKinley will convene congress in extraordinary session soon after his inauguration to pass a tariff bill that will not only put our people to work but will produce revenue to meet the expenses of government. The program arranged for hearings is as follows: Monday, Dec. 28.—Schedule "A," Chemicals, paints, schedule "H," spirits, wines and other beverages. Tuesday, Dec. 29.—Schedule "I," Cotton manufactures; schedule "L," silks and silk goods. Wednesday, Dec. 30.—Schedule "E," J. and E. sugar and molasses. Thursday, Dec. 31.—Schedule "D," Woods and manufactures of; schedule "M," pulp, papers and books. Saturday, Jan. 2.—Schedule "J," Flax, hemp, jute and manufactures of. Monday, Jan. 4.—Schedule "F," Tobacco and manufactures of. Tuesday, Jan. 5.—Schedule "G," Agricultural products and provisions including live animals, dairy products, fruits, fish meats, salt, etc. Wednesday, Jan. 6.—Schedule "K," Wool. Thursday, Jan. 7.—Manufactures of wool. Friday, Jan. 8.—Schedule "B," earthen ware, glassware, marble and stone. Saturday, Jan. 9.—Schedule "C," Iron and lead ores, metals and manufactures of. Monday, Jan. 11.—Schedule "N," sundries, including buttons, coal, gloves, leather and manufactures of, and the tariff. The committee also gives the following notice: Persons desiring to present written statement in respect to any of said schedules may forward the same to the clerk of the committee any time prior to the closing of the hearings. It is also understood that the committee will embody a provision in the bill or ask a separate bill to prevent importers from storing goods under a lower duty and turning them in warehouses for the American market in anticipation of higher duties as was done when anticipating the McKinley tariff bill. \$100 Reward \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing her work. The proprietors have no much faith in its curative power that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cunnery & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH. —The heredity of genius is illustrated by the Harvard senior class elections, in which the son of Carl Schurz was chosen as ivy orator and the son of Joseph H. Choate as poet. —A Yale Alumni association has been formed at Portland, Oreg., with Robert T. Platt as president, Henry F. Connor as secretary, and an executive committee composed of the two men mentioned and Dr. J. W. Hill. —There is considerable interest in the appointment of Rev. C. S. Rice to the pastorate of the old Congregational church in Stockbridge, Mass.—not because of the new minister's personality, for he is fresh from Bowdoin and Andover seminaries and only 25 years old, but because it was in this pulpit that Jonathan Edwards preached before he went to Princeton, and David Dudley Field before his sons had eclipsed his own generous fame. —About £400,000 was bequeathed to the Church of England and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel by the late Alfred Marriott of Garsington, Oxford, Yorkshire. The testator directs that the money shall be devoted towards the erection of churches in the poorest and most thickly populated districts in the metropolis or in foreign parts, or in endowing and enlarging hospitals or refuges for orphan children or fallen women. —Dr. Creighton, the new bishop of London, has a keen sense of humor. Some time ago when he was making a visitation of his diocese (Peterborough) he was entertained in an old manor-house, and slept in a room supposed to be haunted. Next morning at breakfast the bishop was asked whether he had seen the ghost. "Yes," he replied, with great solemnity. "But I have laid the spirit; it will never trouble you again." On being further interrogated as to what he had done, the bishop said: "The ghost instantly vanished when I asked for a subscription toward the restoration of Peterborough cathedral." —A writer in Goodwill says that Tom Mann once accused the clergy of not sympathizing with the poor. Archbishop Benson hearing of this invited him to Lambeth and taxed him with it. Going up to the bookshelf he took down a book and began reading. "This," said the archbishop, "is written by a clergyman; what do you think of it?" "O, that's all right," said Tom Mann; "who wrote it?" "I did," said the archbishop, somewhat triumphantly, presenting him with the book. The book was "Christ and His Times," and the passage which the archbishop read was from the chapter on "Suffering Populations." Tom Mann often made use of the book at socialist meetings. ROCKY MOUNTAIN GIRL. Mildred Bevington's Account of a Long Shot at an Antelope. Mildred Bevington, a Rocky mountain girl living in Wyoming on the border of Jackson's Hole, has recently been successful at hunting game which men usually find hard to get. She has killed half a dozen black-tailed deer, and wears bloomers while hunting. The bullets she uses are soft-nosed, so that when they hit they mushy and spread out till they are half an inch across. Not one of the deer that she hit has run more than 200 yards, and usually they have died before they have gone ten rods. She finds antelope hunting the best sport of all, and she writes to a New York friend: "I want to tell you about an antelope I shot a week ago. I took my gun and went away up above the ranch, told my aunt, and then went alone into the hills to where I would be alone. The country for a long way, I took out my glass and looked and looked, but I couldn't see a single thing. Then I went on a ways and looked again. I had been looking for perhaps an hour and a half when I happened to see a glimmer of something over a little hillside, not more than 100 yards away. It was just all the speck of brown in the landscape, and I was sure I had seen anything, but I looked my rifle and waited. It was a very thin thing, I knew it would come in sight and I was sure it would. I tried hard enough. It seemed a long waiting there that I guessed I hadn't seen anything; then I went something on the rising ground. Another jump and an antelope was in sight, followed by four others. I tried to catch sight at once, but they were so small in the lights, looked like little bits of rabbits. Pretty soon I pulled the trigger. The next moment they were gone. I felt like crying. You know if I had only seen them on the first rise in time I'd have got a lot better chance. "But I put in another shell so that my rifle would be fully loaded, and waited for them to come up on the rise beyond that, 300 or 400 yards away. Pretty soon they came up and I shot again—it was like shooting at a mouse. I shot again; then I noticed that only four were in sight, and the other one must have either turned off to one side or—no, and then I ran over the first rise and shot at the top of the one, as I then lay, as I had a very good aim, and it was a sure thing. The last I had gone into the forest of its land, I saw a few full of two inches higher and I would have missed it, sure."—N. Y. Sun. Last of the Season. "Go away," he said, irritably. "He had found him in the woodshed with his coat off and his bicycle in front of him. "But John, perhaps I—" "Go away," he repeated. "There is nothing that you can do here." "But you get as if you were desperate, John, and I am afraid." "I am desperate," he interrupted. "I have reason to be. Some one has borrowed the cup to my bicycle tire and I don't want you in on it while I am mending it up again. You'd better put in the next half hour or so calling on a neighbor." Being a discreet woman, she left him to go for a full hour and a half.—Chicago Post. "Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros. John Johnson, who has been in the employ of the Illinois Central railroad at Clinton for three years, left on Wednesday to spend the holidays with his father in Dundee, Scotland.

The town well at Pontiac has been reached a depth of 1100 feet, the water rising to within 86 feet of the top and apparently an inexhaustible supply. A. W. Wallace and S. S. Goehring of Tuscola are organizing a telephone system to connect a number of towns. They will use the automatic exchange system. The term of the present postmaster at Mazon does not expire until 1898, yet Dr. A. B. Wilcox, S. B. Ogle and G. W. Cushing are already in the field for the place. Another "tin-horn" brigade left Tuscola December 10 to walk all the way to Washington, carrying an immense tin horn. They expect to reach the city by inauguration day. ATTRACTIVE FIGURES come with good health. It is easily seen when a woman has perfect health, her face and figure show it. The painful disorders and diseases that afflict womanhood make themselves seen as well as felt. Dull eyes, blotched or sallow face, and a wasted form, follow them. This is the time to turn to the right remedy. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription builds up and strengthens the system, and regulates and promotes every proper function. It's a quieting, soothing nerve. It corrects and cures, safely and surely, all those delicate diseases, irregularities and disorders peculiar to the sex. For young girls just entering womanhood; women at the critical "change of life"; and every woman who is "run-down" or overworked, it's something to remember that there's a medicine that will help you. "FEMALE WEAKNESS." Mrs. EYRON DANARD, of Milford, Prince Edward Co., Ont., Canada, writes: "A few years ago my health failed. I was troubled with nervousness, and was also afflicted with constipation, loss of appetite, dizziness and ringing in my head, nervous prostration, hysteria, loss of memory, palpitation of the heart, together with that tired feeling all the time. I consulted several physicians, but they failed to give me relief. After much persuasion I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—have taken five bottles and am a well woman doing my household work from a new condition. I have been restored to health. I feel it my duty to recommend your 'Favorite Prescription' for ladies afflicted with female diseases as I have been." HARRY SNARR... 142 Merchant Street. SPECIAL PRICES FOR THE HOLIDAYS. Lowney's Chocolate Bon Bons, 50c lb. box. Chocolate and Cream Bon Bons, 35c lb. box. As good as sold elsewhere at 40c and 50c. Cream Mixed with Crust Fruits, 25c lb. box. Best value in the city. Assorted Cream Bon Bons, 15c lb. And the largest assortment of 10c Mixed in the city. Gum Drops, 5c lb. New Nuts, Figs and Dates. Nut Floats of All Kinds. NEW MIXED NUTS, 10c POUND. Bought and mixed by myself this season. Christmas Tree ornaments, Christmas Candles and Noctules in fancy boxes. POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE. J. F. GIVEN, Manager. Thursday Evening, Dec. 17. DANIEL FROHMAN Presents his latest great success, Prisoner of Zenda with the following talented artists: Isabel Irving, Howard Conitt, Walter S. Hale, John Rindley, H. J. Weston, John Sweeney and others. of the Original Lyceum Theatre Company. 200 NIGHTS AT THE LYCEUM. Two Cars of Original Scenery and Effects. PRICES. Parquet, \$1.20; Dress Circle and first three rows of Balcony, 75c; Reserved seats in other rows of Balcony, 50c; Admission to Balcony, 25c; Gallery, 20c; Lower Boxes, \$1.00; Upper Boxes \$2.00. Sale Tuesday morning, 8 o'clock, usual place. NEW GOODS and New Prices For Holiday Sales. —***— A large lot of new all silk Ribbons, all shades, worth up to 50c, your choice for 20c yd. Large line of New Suitings, the dollar kind, for 60c; the 75c kind for 49c; the 90c kind for 65c. A BIG CUT ON TRIMMED HATS & BONNETS The \$15 kind for \$10; the \$10 kind for \$7.50; the \$8 kind for \$6; the \$5 kind for \$3.50; the \$3.50 for \$2.50. First Selections Desirable. S. G. HATCH & BRO., 151 EAST MAIN ST. BLOOD POISON HAVE YOU... (text partially obscured)

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For the Entire Week.

Commencing and continuing throughout the entire week, we are going to make prices to move goods quickly. We have too many Cloaks, too many Blankets and too much Underwear. We are not going to take any chances on Providence furnishing us cold weather all winter. We have done a very handsome fall business. Now for a genuine

CLEARING SALE OF CLOAKS, Millinery, Blankets, Underwear, Dress Goods, Hosiery, Mittens, Notions, Etc.

\$10.00 Novelty Dress Patterns, sale price, \$7.90 each.	Jackets cut to \$11.90; \$20.00 Jackets cut to \$12.45
\$7.50 Novelty Dress Patterns, sale price, \$4.13 each.	Capes are being cut in like manner. We have done a very satisfactory cloak business and are now ready to clean out every garment in the house at cut prices sizes 38, 40, 42, and 44, at just one-half regular price
\$18.00 Novelty Dress Patterns, sale price \$11.48 each.	20 dozen Gushard's Special Corset, a good 75c corset, for 50c.
Fine Crinoe Silk Velvet, 27 different shades and black, the \$1.25 grade at Gushard's for 88c.	Take a peep at our Handkerchief Department, and see what you can buy for 3c, 5c, 7 1/2c, 8 1/2c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c.
36-inch Fine All Wool Novelty Dress Goods at 25c a yard.	We show three complete lines of manufacturers' name's Mittens for Misses, Ladies' and Children. Our prices on them while they last are just about one-half of regular stock. See what we show at 10c, 15c, 20c, and 25c
66-inch half-bleach Table Damask, all linen and a good 75c value; we show at 50c a yard.	We show a very handsome line of Ladies' and Girls' Umbrellas from \$1.00 to \$7.00 all guaranteed goods

Ladies' 40 gauge, fine fleece lined Hose, full seamless, a good 25c article, our special price, 2 pair for 25c

Men's Ticking Mittens, best made, 10c pair.

Men's Good Heavy Wool Socks at 15c, 20c, 25c pair.

10 dozen Ear Muffs, 3c pair.

See our Record Breaker in Boys' Bicycle Hose, size 6 to 8 1/2, 2 pair for 25c.

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Corn, per can, 8c, 10c doz.	Corn, per can, 8c, 10c doz.
Golden Rio and Santos Coffee, per lb. 25c	Golden Rio and Santos Coffee, per lb. 25c
The Old Reliable Combination, per lb. 30c	The Old Reliable Combination, per lb. 30c
Splendid Coffee, per lb. 30c	Splendid Coffee, per lb. 30c
Sauer Kraut, per gallon, 15c	Sauer Kraut, per gallon, 15c
Homemade Mince Meat, 3 lbs. 25c	Homemade Mince Meat, 3 lbs. 25c
2 gal. Buckets Syrup, 50c	2 gal. Buckets Syrup, 50c
Silver Drops Syrup, per gal. 30c	Silver Drops Syrup, per gal. 30c
1 package American Rolled Oats, 25c	1 package American Rolled Oats, 25c
Bulk Oat Meal, 3c per lb; 10 lbs. for 25c	Bulk Oat Meal, 3c per lb; 10 lbs. for 25c
Cranberries, 2 quarts 50c; 4 quarts, 25c	Cranberries, 2 quarts 50c; 4 quarts, 25c
Oyster Crackers, per lb. 25c	Oyster Crackers, per lb. 25c
Calumet Family Soap, 9 bars, 25c	Calumet Family Soap, 9 bars, 25c
Vegetable Oil Soap, 16 oz. bars, 6 for 25c	Vegetable Oil Soap, 16 oz. bars, 6 for 25c

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Ladies and Gentlemen:—You can save money on your clothes by taking them to MILLER'S NEW DECATUR STEAM DYE HOUSE, 145 NORTH MAIN STREET, Second door north of Arcade Building.
Gent's Suits and Overcoats neatly dyed, Cleaned, Pressed, and Repaired on short notice. Ladies' and Children's Dresses and Cloaks Dyed and Cleaned without ripping apart. Dry Cleaning a Specialty. Work first class. Prices reasonable.
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LOCAL NEWS.

Buy perfume atomizers at Irwin's.

Go to Irwin's drug store for best grade of perfumes at bottom prices.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Wegland are the best in town. Each 25-cents.

Home Made Candy at First N. E. Church Thursday, 14-43

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

I. N. Irwin & Co. has a fine line of bottle perfumes in fancy boxes for Christmas trade.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodas's News House.—14-43

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for \$1.90.

Mama gets a Cascaet, baby gets the benefit. Cascaets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

Bulk perfumes and atomizers for Christmas, low prices at West's drug store.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaet candy omelette. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

The "Denver Express" will be the opening play by the Holden Comedy company at the Grand Friday night.

Don't buy a pair of Xmas slippers or Xmas shoes till you have seen ours. Walter Hutchins, 355 North Water street.—14-43 wit

The funeral of the late Charles Rosen, father of R. O. Rosen will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Louis.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascaets will cure. Eat them like candy.

The government has 50 men at work at Clifton, just above Alton, building the new steel dredge boat. The boat will cost when completed \$175,000.

In the near future Bishop Morell will occupy the pulpit of Grace M. E. church at Bloomington. He promises to come down from Chicago and spend one Sunday in the city.

Business men, take dinner Thursday, Dec. 17th, with the Ladies at the First M. E. Church.

The dramatic section of the Turn Verein will entertain Sunday night with a musical and will present a short military sketch in one act entitled "Immer Schindler." Four young men will constitute the cast.

The Misses Laura and Stella Jenkins, in honor of their friend, Miss Ploewman of Taylorville will entertain a party of young ladies at a thimble party Wednesday afternoon at their home on West William street.

The physicians say that there is still a great deal of diphtheria in the city. A new case is reported almost every day. The disease is not confined to any one part of the city but has broken out in all quarters.

The members of the dedicating team for Coeur de Leon lodge will meet at the K. P. hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 7 o'clock for practice. Let every man be present promptly on time. P. O. Damrow, director.

Charles Atwood, the young man who came to Decatur with his little daughter and was arrested for the alleged theft of a team of horses in Minnesota, got off with a sentence to the county jail for a period of three months. Atwood's wife came to Decatur and took the little girl away.

No better soil in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any soil within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the soil the fenger is will burn. Hard corn still grows, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 483, new phone 485. M. F. Metz.—31-dtf

There will be a meeting of Prohibitionists on Saturday, December 18, in the city council rooms at 3 o'clock p. m. sharp, to formulate a plan of work for the campaign of 1900. Let all who have affiliated with the party in the past, as well as those friendly to the cause, come together at the above time and place. Per order Committee.

Some days ago Richard Adams of Mowocqua caught a little pig, when the mother sow attacked him, throwing him down, cut a large gash over one eye, and was proceeding to tear the flesh from his face when a little dog caught the enraged sow by the ear and pulled. This distracted the hog's attention that Mr. Adams managed to get away. He is very severely injured but will live. He says he would probably have been killed in two minutes more if it had not been for the little dog.

35 Cents
Buys a one-dollar largest size wooden street car this week at our store.
E. D. Bartholomew Co.

The young folks of Sibley are anticipating lots of fun sailing on the ice-box, constructed for Mr. Lindelof, and which traverses the ice on Sibley lake.

A Perfect Infant Food
Gail Borden Eagle Brand Condensed Milk
"Infant Health" is a little book of great value that is sent FREE on application.
M. F. Condensed Milk Co., 111 Adams Street, New York.

New Night Operator

Taylorville Breese: Ralph Briggs of Decatur, has been appointed to the position of night operator at the Wabash office in this city, the vacancy being caused by the promotion of O. E. Shidler to the day job, Miss Rogers having resigned.

Will Give a Minstrel Show.

Some of the ladies who are interested in the Anna B. Millikin Home are making arrangements to give a young ladies' minstrel show for the benefit of the home. The entertainment will be quite a novelty. It will be a regular minstrel show but only young ladies will take part. Some of the best musicians of the city have been engaged to assist in the entertainment.

Kendall Society Officers.

These are the newly elected officers of the Congregational Christian Endeavor society:

President—Miss Edna Lindsey.
Vice President—H. C. Schaub.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lillian Irwin.

Recording Secretary—Miss Jeanette Drake.

Treasurer—Miss Winifred Elliott.

Missionary Treasurer—Clyde Bankson.

Lookout Committee—Misses Ella Lindsey, Ethel McKee, Abbie Pratt, Edna Childs, Nina Buckmaster.

Prayer Meeting—G. W. Battles, Misses Lena Glover, Mae Bear, Arthur Lindsay, Miss Clara Story.

Social—Mrs. S. E. Schmink, Minnie Miller.

Missionary—Miss Evaline L. Costler, Clyde Bankson, S. E. Schmink, Miss Nettie Lindsey.

Music—Miss Madge Chandler, John Scott, Misses Mary Glover, Nellie Gher, Ada Lindsay.

Annual Meeting.

The forty-first annual convention of the Illinois state Horticultural society will be held in Springfield Dec. 29, 30 and 31, 1899. Excursion rates on railroads on the certificate plan are assured. Take a receipt from the ticket agent when purchasing ticket, and if over more than one round, for each ticket.

Delegates will be present from at least five other states, and a program of unusual interest has been prepared. Among other papers are the following: San Jose Soule in Illinois, Prof. Forbes, state ornithologist, Interior Products of the Orchard, Made Profitable, Wm. A. Herring, Mich.; Cold and Cool Storage for Fruits, H. M. Dandap; Small Fruits, C. E. Tohey, Wisconsin; Pearl Culture in Illinois, J. W. Stanton; Cultivation and Care of Orchards, E. D. Voris; The Horticulture of Argentina, C. Augustine, Fruit Growers' Union and their Advantages, Mr. Brown, Chicago; Preparation of Fruit for Table Use, Miss Riehl, Potato Growing, N. S. Spencer, Peach Growing, Wm. S. Foss, Farmer's Orchard, L. R. Bryant.

A large fruit display will be made, for which liberal premiums are offered. Write the secretary, Henry M. Dunlap, Savoy, Illinois, for premium list and program.

The Volunteers' Supply Depot.

The local post of the American Volunteers of Decatur finding that passage of scripture "The poor you have with you always" to be verified to a painful degree in the city, consequent upon the hard times of the last few years, and believing it to be only Christ like to do good wherever and whenever they can, have decided to open up at their headquarters in the Armory a depot of supplies and aid for the deserving and worthy poor. The columns of our dailies are in evidence of the great need of more volunteer work along this line; and believing it to be the first duty of soul winners to express their sympathy for mankind in every practical way possible, we call upon the Christians and all sympathizing friends in the city to help all they can by donating clothing, food, bedding, fuel, or anything that can be used by those in need, and we will by personal visitation, ascertain who is needy, and will when each case has been investigated and approved of, do all we can to relieve their distress. Anyone knowing of those in need will please report the case to Headquarters, 219 South Park street, on third floor, and those having anything they can spare that will help the needy can either bring to above address or kindly drop us a card and it will be called for. Through the courtesy of the press of the city we hope to report weekly what is being done and give a strict account of our stewardship. Captain and Mrs. Price, 219 South Park street.

The Prisoner of Zenda.

This great play will be seen at the Grand Thursday evening, December 17, in all its beauty, given by a powerful company. The story is in a prologue and four acts. The prologue is supposed to have its action in 1738. The play proper opens in the forest of Zenda, the time being 1894, where a young English artist is at work beneath the outstretching branches of a great oak, and to him comes Randolph Rassendyll, the hero of the story.

Rassendyll's meeting with Colonel Sept and Fritz Von Tanlenheim, followers of the king, follows, and they are much impressed with the striking resemblance of Rassendyll to his highness. Then comes the introduction of the unfortunate king, who has been drugged by his scheming half brother, Prince Michael, in order to prevent his coronation on the following day. The coronation of his double—Rassendyll—colored with a dash of humor here and there to give it spice, follows. Later on the bogus king meets the headmen of Black Michael—Bontzen by name—at the Castle of Enrieubelm, who stands him. Then follows a scene in the dungeon at Zenda, where Rassendyll rescues the real king and returns him to the throne, after first fighting a duel with Heatonson and then slaying Michael.

In the meantime, however, the strong emotions "have developed in the love that has sprung up between the impostor king, and the beautiful but real Princess, Flavia. The parting between the lovers which ends the play, is one in which unusual pathos is depicted, but duty and honor takes precedence to love.

STATE TEACHERS' MEETING.

Many Local Teachers on the Program for the State Convention.
In Springfield, at the capital building, on December 29, 30 and 31, the 49th annual session of the Illinois State Teachers' Association will be held. The program, which has been issued, is unusually attractive, and a very large number from this city and county will attend. The president, Homer Bevine, of Chicago, will deliver his annual address at the first session. The rest of the day will be consumed in committee reports. David Feinley will deliver an address on Wednesday morning, Dec. 30, on "Free Text Books," followed by 15-minute discussions—one by Dr. Edmund James, of the University of Chicago. At 8 that evening Dr. James will speak on "The Public High School the College of the Future." During the convention the various sections, such as high school principals, college, primary, and others, will hold separate meetings for which exhaustive programs have been arranged. These detail meetings will commence on the afternoon of Dec. 30. In the high school section, R. N. Whitford, of Peoria, Miss J. Rose Colby, of the Normal, Miss Lucy Collidge, of Decatur, and others are down for discussions. The leading topics in the principal's section is a debate on "Resolved, that there should be state uniformity of text books." Among the affirmative speakers are George R. Shawhan, of Champaign, and David Feinley, of Normal. Supt. J. A. Hornberger, of Pekin, is a negative speaker.

Superintendent C. O. DuBuis, of Mason City, is on the program for Thursday afternoon. The primary section will be presided over by Miss Jennie Ponder, president of Bloomington. The secretary of the child-study section is C. G. Van Liew, of Normal, who will lead a discussion Wednesday afternoon.

WINTER HOUSE PLANTS.

How to Keep Them Fresh and Green Through Snowy Days.

Very few housekeepers, naturally ambitious to beautify their rooms in winter with foliage plants, recognize that like cats or dogs, camaries, or children, palms and ferns require a time for becoming naturalized and happy in their new homes.

A fern or palm brought in the most vigorous health from the florist's greenhouse will often droop and pine in premature home sickness, and like young animals or birds, plants must most happily in each other's company. It is, therefore, advisable to begin a bit of window observatory, not with one, but let us say with three plants. The best selection is usually a sturdy indoor rubber tree, Ficus benjamina, and the florist calls it a "parlor palm," that is, an assistive shrub, and a large pot of zebra plant, Zamioculcas zamiifolia, which you can tell by its stout, slightly striped stem and white leaves that grow in an elegant rosette.

All of these are recommended, because they are hardy, easily kept and need potting only once a year. They will live, too, in a room where gas is burned, where an open coal fire or cigarette is smoked, and where there is a fire. In turn for a much sturdier good nature, they must have not only good, but that given regularly every day. The woman who complains that she can't raise house plants is usually negligent of them. She moves them about too much, is not always faithful of their need of water, potting, in room they set in to become very cold at night, and then very hot during the day. Probably, too, she does not care for them at night, nor in any way protect them from dust.

Happily, where so many sins of omission and commission are committed the poor things die quickly, and no escape their wretched existence. If you intend to keep plants put them in a window that has double sashes, and where the greatest amount of sunlight strikes for the longest time every day. Roll the shades high and draw the curtains back for light only for the briefest necessity move the pots. Every day, at as nearly the same hour as you can manage, water these poor children. They will be grateful for the regularity, and unobtrusively once a week give them a bath. That is, with a sponge and clean tepid water gently pass over the leaves. Use muslin for water for this, and as far as you can protect them; don't let a cold draught strike through their foliage.

A sudden chill often blights an otherwise healthy plant, and just as important is it to protect them from superfluous dust. When cleaning day comes, around throw big bags of old muslin or dimity over the green things, and as plants are usually kept in a deep window, be sure at night to draw down the shades and portieres, where the gas is lighted.

The portieres should be of some heavy dark stuff to keep out the light, heat and possibly tobacco smoke. Before leaving the room for the night one window, as distant as possible from that in which the plants sit, ought to be pulled down at the top, to let in fresh air, while the closed curtains will still keep them warm enough. Then, not until she has made her fire, cleaned the grate and done her dusting for the day, should the maid push back the portieres and pull up the window shades.

Under such circumstances the following plants will grow flourish in a sitting or dining room, or bedroom, where every day plenty of heat is supplied during the winter.

There is the fan palm and its dwarf cousin, called C. Lumina, the Sanforium elegant with handsome fern-like leaves, Australian cabbage palm and familiar Kentia Fosteriana, silky Australian oak and Eucalyptus globules, all worthy of cultivation in one's conservatory, all willing to flourish, if their needs are considered, and wonderful beautifiers of one's home.

Another hardy foliage plant is the Centaurea ragulina, with silver frosted leaves that serve on occasions to decorate the center table, but the list is really almost endless, though those given above are enough to fill an armature and answer for green and refreshing decoration the year through.—St. Louis Republic.

Dancing.

The second term of Prof. Leonard's dancing class commences next Monday night. Beginners' class meets at 7:30. The fee for this term will be \$4 to all former pupils.—12-26

Officers Elected.

Local lodge, No. 812, A. F. and A. M., elected the following officers last night: W. M.—W. L. Lowry.
S. W.—Euse Koplar.
J. W.—O. L. Griswold.
Secretary—J. S. McCalland.
Treasurer—J. N. Baker.
Tyler—J. J. Lowe.

Home for Boys Wanted.

The Children's Home society is can steadily receiving boys of all ages from one month to twelve years of age. It wants homes for these boys. Any person wanting one can get it by informing Rev. David Gray, Matton, Ill., or Rev. George K. Hoover, 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. See Mrs. Florence M. Catto who can give you all information needed.—15 dwt

Show Windows in Chicago.

A gentleman who has just returned from Chicago states that the big firms in that city make magnificent displays in their Christmas windows and that great crowds flock the sidewalks to take in the free shows. At one store there are two big windows given up to a show of lions and tigers obtained from a circus. In another window is the head and bust of a handsome woman showing above a big china bowl. She reaches out to the right and left, taking up shoes marked with prices so that the gaping people may note the bargains. The woman in the window always has a crowd.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of American and foreign patents, opposite United States patent office, Washington, D. C.:

C. E. Barker, St. David, pick, O. Browning, apparatus for weaving silks, T. A. Clark, clearing corn harrow, E. Gray, Highland Park, lock, C. M. Green, Highland Park, Dyer's basket, D. Grubbs, Marshall, railway crossing, G. J. Harker, Mokena, lightning device, F. A. Hardy, Evanston, opera glasses, G. D. Haworth, Decatur, corn planter, H. Hotel, Congerville, gate latch, H. A. Schermerhorn, Watkinson, cover holder for culinary pots or kettles.

Death Record.

Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson, died at his home 554 North West of Walker from the effects of a tumor. He was aged 14 years, 11 months and 8 days. He is survived by his father and four brothers and five sisters. They are Edward, Marvin, Melvin and Jasper Wilson and Mrs. Mary Burns, Mrs. Ida Hansen, Miss Emma, Myrtle and Clara Wilson. The funeral was held this afternoon from the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Devere, and the burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Marjorie, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hixse, died at the family home, 331 East Center street, Monday, Dec. 12. The funeral will occur from the residence at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Kapphoff officiating.

THE ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Oliver Branch Camp Ladies Entertained the Van Vectors.

Oliver Branch camp No. 31, R. N. of A., yesterday entertained the Clinton Camp. In the afternoon they served supper in the hall to the members and their friends and in the evening the Clinton degree staff conferred the work upon a candidate which was most excellently done. Clinton has a staff that they may well feel proud of. The following ladies composed the staff:

Oracles—Mrs. L. Bloom.
Vice Oracles—Mrs. H. Stokes.
Chlor—Mrs. L. Reynolds.
Recorder—Mrs. A. Myers.
Receiver—Anna Rundle.
Junior Guard—Isabella Barlow.
Outer Sentinel—J. yda Cree.
Past Oracles—Mrs. Samuels, also Mrs. Ed Turner, Emma McKinney, Emma Lane, Sophia Howard, Maude Bartlett.

The members of the camp that came down were H. Bloom, Willard Samuel, Ed Turner, James Reynolds, Dick Maxwell, Ethel Lumiller, Ed LaRue, Al Kab and wife, Mrs. Hattie Wilson and Anna Stille.

After the camp closed refreshments were served in the hall and the time was spent in social conversation and dancing until the train left, everybody left feeling as if they were glad that they were there and especially old Aunt Kay. We regret very much that our oracle could not be with us on account of sickness. Oliver Branch Camp will return the visit in the near future.

FOR SLIM ARMS.

Sleeves That Make Thin Ones Look Pump.

In the case of a slim arm the circular trimming is the best, as it tends to add to the apparent size, while a too pump arm may be made more slender by the upright trimmings.

A favorite sleeve for the plain cloth gown, which admits of little garniture, has the arm fitted quite snugly almost to the shoulder, narrowing down to absolute tightness at the wrist, where it spreads over the hand in two deep points. The only fullness of the sleeve puffs out at the shoulder, smartly—not at all in a drooping way, but aggressively stiff, as if making up for the lack of quantity. Often this style of sleeve is made up in velvet for a cloth gown, and finished at the wrist by a soft frill of yellow lace. A far more dressy sleeve is shown in a style suitable for a handsome dinner or reception gown, where more or less elaborateness is employed. Over a tight lining of silk is picked out the muslin or lace in black or white from the puff finishing the shoulder to the frill finishing the wrist. The puff is made of dress material, and is made to stand out as stiffly as possible, finished oddly by a huge loop and long ends of the silk stuff caught at the top of the shoulder by a fancy button and allowed to flutter away at the back. Twists of velvet, fastened with fancy buttons, finish the bottom of the shoulder puff and the wrist.—San Francisco Chronicle.

In Paris there are scores of restaurants where horse flesh is regularly served as an article of food, and the use of this meat has recently extended to many other cities of Europe.

NEWS IN THE STATE.

The city of Canton celebrated the 70th anniversary of the organization of the city Thursday.

Harry Tomlinson, aged 3 years, was badly burned at Chatsburg by the clothing catching fire from a stove.

The Shelby county supervisors are considering the matter of the erection of a new jail at Nashville.

The recent election revealed the fact that there are 19,000 voters in Illinois who didn't know how to mark their ballots.

The farmers of Auburn, Sangamon county say the rural mail delivery is failure, and many say they prefer to mail for their own mail.

Illinois, the banner state of the Union, shows the highest yield this year of a corn-raising state. The average yield is 40.4 bushels per acre.

Calhoun county, which has never had the convenience of railroads or telegraphs, is at last to be connected with the outside world by a telephone.

Mrs. Mary O. Haskell, aged 46, wife of Postmaster Haskell of Virginia Ill., died suddenly in Springfield, where she was undergoing surgical treatment.

William Harriot, a farmer of Macoupin county, went to bed the other night and while asleep snored his long beard, smothering it so that he had to have it shaved.

James Shelby, a member of the village board of St. Marie, near Newman, was killed by a shot from a rifle in the hand of a boy who was shooting English sparrows.

The Burgess Bros., of Wenona, have divided up the real estate of the firm which they have heretofore held in common. The deeds of transfer were recorded last week. The total amount involved was \$600,000.

Marlin Nash, who died last week at Hennepin, was one of the early settlers of Putnam county. He came to that section in 1884, and therefore a resident of Hennepin for 22 years. He had been a member of the Congregational church for 22 years.

The commissioners of the special drainage district of Green river, Bureau county, have been conferring with Chicago brokers in the effort to negotiate about \$100,000 bonds for the big ditch. The bonds will run five years and draw 6 percent interest.

Anna C. Stone is in jail at Deane charged with the drowning of her five and five children in South Lake near the city. She was infatuated with another woman, and there was an insurance of \$12,000 on the life of the dead wife. He was formerly of Princeton, Bureau county.

Only half of the city of Chicago has been canvassed by the associated charities and already 4000 destitute families, including 36,000 persons, have been found. The total destitution, it is estimated, will reach 70,000 persons, and a fund of \$10,000 is asked to relieve distress, obtain among foreigners.

The Beautiful Frames

On exhibition at the Lutz Music House are wonders in designing and mounted art. None can compare with them. Come and see and get the surprisingly low prices and easy terms on offer. The small instrument has no accessories anything in Central Illinois—violins, mandolins, guitars, banjos, harps and music rolls. Books for Xmas presents in abundance. Select now while the stock is complete. S. M. Lutz, 1114.

Sales of Real Estate

William A. Ferguson to Edward J. Drablich, lot 2, block 18, Wood's subdivision of lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, Orlin's addition, \$2500.

Charles L. Jones to Elijah A. Morgan and Thomas N. Lewis, undivided half of lot 11, block 5, in town of Marion, \$2250.

A Relation to the Public.

We have a state secret to reveal to you. If you will come and see us prior to ordering your Christmas turkey, duck, geese. Game of every description to hand of us if ordered in time to be shipped in Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344—14 ddt.

Don't Forget

the date, Thursday, Dec. 17, First. If church, dinner 8:30, supper 2:30. If dinner served from 11:30 to 2 p. m. Supper 5 to 7. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents will be on sale during the day. Everybody invited.—14 ddt

Dolls.

Our line of dolls is the talk of the town. You can buy them from 10 to 85. Such value shown anywhere as we give you. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Don't buy a pair of Xmas slippers. Xmas shoes till you have seen ours. Walter Hutchins, 355 North Water street.—14-43wit

The Best Place.

To save money on toys and ball presents is Wingate's lamp and department store.

There are five candidates for the police at Romeco, including C. F. Brown, J. F. Wheright and E. Zimmerman.

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The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious method of "breaking colds" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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Tea.....	7c
Tea.....	3c
Tea.....	39c
Tea.....	13c
Tea.....	15c
Tea.....	25c
Tea.....	6c
Tea.....	9c
Tea.....	7c
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STREET FAKERS.

Big Profits for the Stars of the Curbside.

Street fakers are divided into two classes—those who work for themselves and those who peddle for others. The former are, of course, the aristocrats of the profession. These men buy their stock at a low price for spot cash from the wholesale dealer in street goods and are thus enabled to clear a handsome profit on their sales.

The workers for others are those who, through spendthrift habits or lack of capital, are compelled to sell on commission for some wholesaler or patron. In spite of their reduced profits these men are still able if at all fitted for the business to make very fair profits.

Whether or not familiarity with the trying ordeal of facing the audience proves good training for the business of peddling, the fact remains that a great many of the street fakers come from the lower ranks of the theatrical profession. They usually possess some smattering of knowledge and are apt in illustrative language. When these men handle a musical instrument or trick toy they at once acquire a thorough knowledge of its use and illustrate it in a manner that causes the purchaser to envy them when he takes home his purchase and tries it for himself.

Some times the fakers sell things really cheap. For instance, such standard books as "Paradise Lost" or "Pilgrim's Progress" are procurable from them for ten or fifteen cents and a reporter recently obtained a very fair copy of Tennyson's poetical works, good type and heavy paper covers, for three cents.

On the barrows of these literary Cheap Johns paper-covered novels bearing such well-known titles as "Misch Clarke," "The Sign of the Four," "Dodo," "The Manxman," etc., are selling for five and ten cents. These books are pirated editions of the originals, their typography is imperfect and their paper stock of the cheapest quality. Unless one takes the trouble to glance over his purchase he may find half the pages duplicated or some foreign leaves introduced instead of the right ones.

Many of these fakers have regular routes and some travel all over the country visiting the country fairs and other local assemblages, but they get back to New York sooner or later.

Others, again, never go out of the city, and several have certain stands or "beats" that they occupy day in and day out throughout the year.—N. Y. Recorder.

SHIPWRECKED ON SHORE.

A Traveler's Narrow Escape From Plunging Overboard in His Sleep.

It is a curious fact that when a man from the west on his way eastward comes within scintilla distance of the salt water he begins to crave sea food, and especially of those sorts which are least likely to be familiar to him on his native western beach.

And so it was the other day that a young man on his way to this city from Minneapolis, having got as far as Buffalo, had a consuming desire for lobster.

Now, a fresh lobster is all very well, and as harmless a thing as swim, but it isn't always alive and kicking as far from the sea as Buffalo, and this traveler wasn't fortunate in the one served him.

This lobster is at the bottom of this story. The Minneapolis man ate it, and then, in due course, climbed into the berth of his sleeping car and was whirling toward New York. He was restless, and his sleep was troubled. He was at sea in his stateroom bunk. A frightful storm came up, and the ship was about to go down. To be drowned like a rat in his berth filled his soul with disgust, and he smashed the heavy glass of the bull's eye and climbed out.

The sea was not inviting, and he hesitated to plunge in and swim for his life. He tried to climb up the side of the ship to the deck, but slipped back. He must find some other channel of escape, and so made his way back through the shattered window to his stateroom, when suddenly the sleeping-car porter drew aside the curtains and the Minneapolis man woke up.

This is what the porter says: "A half-dressed man kneeling in his berth at midnight, the double windows of the car broken and the shattered glass piled up on the bed, and the bewildered passenger covered with blood from cuts in his hands. Blood, too, was found all about the car window and on the outside of the car, where the lobster eater in his nightmare had tried to climb to the roof of the flying train. He had actually smashed the window with his bare hands and climbed out of the window and back again without waking up. He took something to steady his nerves and sat up for the rest of the night."—N. Y. Sun.

It's Different Now.

"Prouder!" she exclaimed. "Why, he was as proud as a boy with his first pair of—"

"Tut, tut," he said, warningly.

"What's the matter?" she asked.

"There's nothing wrong with that expression, is there?"

"Oh, no," he replied; "there's nothing especially wrong with it, I suppose, but it's a little ancient and not exactly what one would expect of a new woman."

"But it's expressive, and I don't know anything that would better convey the idea."

"Again he interrupted.

"How much stronger and better it sounds," he said, to say: "As proud as a girl with her first pair of bloomers."—Chicago Post.

Where We Get It.

Mrs. Glucose—Do you spend your summer in the country?

Mrs. Van Mark—Yes, but always near the railroad.

"Why is that?"

"To have fresh fruit sent out from the city every day."—Washington Times.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of several standing, caused by a cold, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Hemmings, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, writes that it is on hand and has no fear of cough, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

SEALED HER OWN DOOM.

Revenge Upon the Woman Who Slighted Her Earthly Happiness.

The evidence was indisputable. Smithkins had killed the chambermaid who took charge of his rooms in the big bachelor apartment house where he lived. The deed was done in the heat of anger, it is true, yet when it was all over and Smithkins felt the cold clasp of the iron bracelets upon his wrists he seemed to be as one who had found peace and joy.

The judge turned to Smithkins in a perfunctory way and asked if he desired to take the stand in his own behalf. The jury yawned wearily. A man accused of murder too often sounds his own death-knell when he takes the stand in his own behalf. The court and spectators felt that Smithkins' doom was sealed.

"My name is Algernon Smithkins," began the prisoner, "and what I have to say is merely a confession. I make no defense. My provocation, however, was greater than I could bear."

Silence filled the courtroom, broken by nothing.

"I engaged apartments," he continued, "at the first of the year, and proceeded to furnish them according to the dictates of my own taste. Then this woman came into my life. She was a chambermaid."

"You haven't enough chairs in your parlor," she said one morning, and when I came home at night I found to my horror that the cane-seated bedroom chairs had been dragged out in company with the mahogany tables. I bore it as best I could.

"On the following day the artistic chairs which I had gathered from half a dozen markets were ranged in a row against the window seat. The effect was maddening. I fell upon the floor and cursed in impotent rage."

"Mr. Smithkins," said that woman to me a few days later, "that's an awfully old table you've got. I just got a nice red and blue spread for it."

"Woman!" I cried, for anger was strong within me, "if you repeat such an offense your life shall pay the forfeit."

"She smiled and went away."

"That night I found that she had darned the rat holes in my ancient prayer rug, and had spread a strip of Ingrain carpet along the sides of the room, because she said 'them scraps of heathen druggut don't half-cover the floor.'"

"Then I slew her."

The jurymen looked at each other in silence and without leaving their seats gave a verdict of "Not guilty."—N. Y. Herald.

INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION.

How One Woman Cured Herself With a Homemade Syrup.

"You would not believe that I was once elected to die of consumption," said a very robust-looking woman at the five o'clock tea; "yet such is the case. I had had lung trouble for four winters, and when I started in on it for the fifth the doctors said there was no hope for me unless I succeeded in getting the better of it at once. I was young and gay, and very far from wanting to die, so I set myself to work and by dint of persevering unremittingly in two simple remedies I gained the victory, and I would advise some of you who are suffering from cold and coughs to try at least the simpler of these two cures. The first requires such constancy of purpose that I am sure no one would keep it up unless pretty far gone, though it is nothing more than a daily sun bath. All that winter long, every day that the sun shone found me sitting, stripped to the waist, for two hours in the morning sunshine. Sometimes my back was almost blistered, but I knew that the warm rays were bringing me back to health and happiness, so I never once yielded to my inclination to skip a day."

"The other remedy was mullen syrup, which I have since found effectual in many cases of chronic coughs."

"Take two quarts of compact mullen leaves—picked from stalks that have never flowered. Place these in a stew pan and put enough water on them just to cover them well. Let them simmer, not boil, until the strength is all out of the leaves. Strain this juice, add a cup of brown sugar and simmer again until a syrup is formed. Then add a pint of Jamaica rum. Take a tablespoonful of this syrup three times a day, or, if thought better, take a less quantity whenever obliged to cough."—Atlanta Constitution.

Cure of Fluor.

Flour should be kept with the greatest care, as it takes on the odor of things about it, and becomes tainted almost as easily as do milk and butter. As it also becomes heavy and mouldy in a damp place, it should be kept where weather changes will not affect it. The lightness and dryness of the flour of course has a great deal to do with the superior quality of the bread and cake made from it. When flour is bought by the barrel, a patented convenience that consists of a swinging shelf that raises the barrel a few inches from the floor, so that the air may circulate freely about it, is liked by housekeepers who have space for it.—N. Y. Post.

Bacon Pig.

Crumble the soft part of two loaves of bread; add a pound of butter, a good deal of salt, pepper and sage; stuff the pig and sew it up; cook two and one-half hours; baste frequently with salt and water. Be careful or it will burn. Gravy.—Boil the heart and liver tender in salt water; chop fine; mix three ounces of butter with two tablespoonfuls of flour, stir it well into the gravy, and serve with the pig. Use apple sauce for a condiment.—House-keeper.

Modesty in Art.

An old lady who was praising the Thames scenery said to Whitlister: "The whole trip across the river was like a series of your superb etchings."

"Yes," he replied, "nature is creeping up on me."—London Picador.

For Hoarseness.

Bonj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Kroen.

D. B. George of Savoy, is to open an implement house in Champaign.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

THE FASHIONS.

Items of Interest for Ladies Who Pay Attention to Dress.

The monstrous sleeve-puffs of seasons past are already being very generally anathematized, and are looked upon as excessive and absolutely vulgar beside the new trim, pert little shoulder excrescences now the rage.

Mixed silk and wool fabrics that are repped from selvege to selvege are largely imported. The familiar Russian velours are seen again with rather heavier cords of a color in contrast with that of the ground, producing a pretty shot effect. Other velours have ombre-striped stripes in quaint coloring and others have simulated tiny tufts of brilliant hues.

French and English velveteens are among the fashionable fabrics for the winter. These fabrics, once deemed suitable only for effective stage and fancy-dress costumes, are now used for suits for many different occasions both for women and children. They are far more supple and silky-looking than formerly and are in excellent utility colors. Handsome corduroys are imported in many dark maroon and dahlia shades, in chestnut brown, beautiful moss-green dyes, and in the familiar tan and gray tints. A new wool velvet is called creve or slashed, because of slender figures of light satin that are sunk in its heavy pile, showing effectively through the dark surface. Parisian suits of ladies' cloth and wools of still lighter grade appear with slightly draped overdresses above a drop skirt that has a handsomely braided border.

The taste for soft, delicate woollens like Henriette cloth, India cashmere and Payetta is never wholly lost, although their attractions may be temporarily obscured by the more pronounced novelty of rough, shaggy, or repped fabrics, many of which are deceptive as to real durability, as many have discovered. The refinement that is characteristic of these fine woollens also marks the fashionable dyes for the winter, for the greater portion of the new colors are various tones of brown, blue and green, and shades of fawn, gray and beige of great delicacy.

Velvet sleeve-puffs with corselet or high centre to neck are worn with gowns of plain cloth, and fancy plaid and striped silk and wool materials are used for the same purpose. Short, fanciful jackets that do not conceal the tapering waist, similar to the Eton, bolero and Breton shapes, are on many new gowns, some of which are slashed at the back to admit the bows or rosettes of a wide sash that finishes the girdle of velvet or folded satin.

Among demi-dress toilets, coat-bodices with jacket fronts and belted Russian back are again worn, with a vest of some rich brocade or of diaphanous textile draped over plain satin. Long, slender tails lined with contrasting color, are cut at the back of many of the cloth bodices, while others are crepe-tailed both front and back. Tabbed brooches stand out widely around the shoulders or taper gradually to the waist line. The high larding collars are slashed and lined to correspond, and as a rule are more becoming to the majority of faces than the wide stiff stock.—N. Y. Post.

TRIALS OF CHURCH-GOING WIVES.

Difficulties Some Experience in Getting Their Husbands to Attend Services.

"I certainly think it is lovely the way your husband always comes to church with you," said the woman with the green morocco-bound prayer book as they met in the vestry. "I am sure I don't see how you manage it."

"Neither do I," chimed in the woman whose prayer book had silver clasps.

"Now, there's my husband, who always says he is tired and wants to sleep on Sundays because he works hard all the week, when all he does is sit in a chair at the office and talk to people, for I have seen him, and I know very well that that is exactly what he does. Now, this morning I tried to awaken him and get him up for church, and he wouldn't do it."

"Of course not, my dear; how my husband—"

"Yes, in a minute. Finally I went and dressed myself for fear I would be late, and I came back, and I just woke him up again to get even with him, and I told him that he ought to be as fully mortified to let me go to church alone while he slept in bed at his ease."

"And what did he say?"

"And what did he say, indeed? He said that he did feel mortified, but that he was going to sleep again so as to forget about his mortification. And the brute turned over and did go to sleep, or, at any rate, he pretended to snore and wouldn't answer me."

"Well, my husband isn't like that. He doesn't sleep late on Sunday. He insists on getting up early because he says Sunday is the only day he has on which he can do nothing, and so he wants to get up as early as possible so that he may have all the time possible in which to do nothing."

"Then you ought to be able to get him to go to church."

"But he won't go. He says he wants to do nothing all day."

"Yes, but, Mrs. DeJonghe, how do you manage it?"

"Me? Oh, if I have to go alone I take the nurse girl with me, and he has to stay at home and look after the baby."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Tax on Bachelor.

The province of Jabez Balfour, Saltu, is progressing, and will in future be a fine ground for the fine old sport of husband-hunting. Here is the scale of taxes that enlightened provicence proposes to impose on bachelors: 20 to 30 years old, \$5 monthly; 30 to 35 years old, \$10 monthly; 35 to 50 years old, \$20 monthly; 50 to 75 years old, \$30 monthly; 75 to 80 years old, 50 cents monthly. Widows and widowers, when they put the "dear departed" under the sod, will be allowed three years to enjoy their freedom.—Buenos Ayres Standard.

For Kidney Troubles.

There is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Kroen.

Jeanette Derrickson was married last week at Danville to James S. Battersby of Chicago. Her husband suicided two months ago.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on the Neisler Drug and Supply Co. or N. L. Kroen and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar which always gives relief.

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THE CINCINNATI.

Smallest But Most Distinguished of the Revolutionary Orders.

The other day there was held in Philadelphia a meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati.

When the struggle for independence had come to a final conclusion and Lord Cornwallis had handed over his sword, the time came for the disbanding of the Continental army. Gen. Washington at this particular time had his headquarters at the old Verplanck mansion near Fishkill-on-the-Hudson. The officers of the army were most of them aristocratic gentlemen who had gathered together from the various colonies. They had formed many pleasant acquaintances as well as warm friendships in camp and field, and when it was suggested that these be perpetuated by the formation of a permanent organization, the project met with warm approval. Accordingly, on May 13, 1783, a meeting was called. Baron Steuben, who was inspector general of the army, presided. Gen. Knox, that doughty patriot, read a paper which he had prepared, and which was adopted as the original constitution.

The original draft of this document has been preserved and was handed down with other relics and mementoes of the order to the late Hamilton Fish, who was for many years its president.

The organization was one of officers only, and this was why it was so little assailed in later years. The clause designed to perpetuate the order, which made only male descendants, or, failing these, collateral male descendants, eligible for membership, stamped the order according to popular belief, as an imitation of European orders of knighthood. It was also asserted that this was an attempt to establish an aristocracy and the legislatures of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania censured it by resolution. In fact, Washington saw something of the danger and secured a modification of the clause at the second regular meeting.

It was intended to have a branch of the order established in each state, but this was never done, and to-day there are but seven state organizations. Many of the French officers who served in the revolution were made members, and a branch of the order, which is still in existence, was organized in France by royal consent. Count d'Esting sent Gen. Washington, who was elected its first president of the order in this country, the eagle of the French branch, in diamonds, as a gift of the French royal officers.

The jewel has been worn in succession by each president general of the society from Washington's time down to today. It has adorned the breast of Alexander Hamilton, of the Pinkneys, of Ogden, Lewis, Popham, Dearborn and Fish, who was made president in 1854 and held the office until his death, since which time the order has been vacant until recently, when William Wayne, of Philadelphia, a descendant of Gen. Wayne, known as "Mad Anthony," was chosen. On the election of Gen. Wayne the historical jewel of the order was handed over to him by Nicholas Fish, a son of the president. The society meets only once in three years, and so the next general assembly will not occur until May 1901, when a meeting will be held in New York city. Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Southern Delicacy That Finds No Market in the North.

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"I think," said Mr. Chaffie, "Johnnie is getting to be too tight for anything. He is the laziest I have ever seen."

"That may be, but he gets up at 6 o'clock in the morning, I notice," replied Mrs. Chaffie.

"O, he does that so he can have time to loaf,"—Texas Sifter.

To cure old sores, to heal an old ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, need simply apply DeWitt's Ointment. It is a magic like action will surprise you. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The public school at Eureka has opened after a two weeks' vacation account of diphtheria.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they didn't get the doctor. She saved the child with a few boxes of Dr. King's Cough Cure. He had used it for years. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St. You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koek. The Schlitz Brewing company are erecting a beer house in Pontiac. Fine holiday packages of perfumes at West's drug store.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 29-dit. The largest line of fancy Bottled Perfumery at Bell's Drug Store.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent. made by John Wolgast. Mob 25 ct. Holiday perfume packages, 35 cents, 50 cents and \$1 each at West's drug store.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction. The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Wolgast. Mob 25-dit.

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New upright pianos \$235, \$350, \$375 and \$500. A good upright piano, slightly used, for \$185 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house.—Dec 1st

Clerks too busy to go home on Thursday next can get a good dinner at the First M. E. church.

Miss Kittle DeLorme still takes the leading role in the Holden Comedy company's new plays which will appear at the opera house next Friday and Saturday nights, with Saturday matinee.

Remember that the ever popular Holden Comedy company are to appear at the Grand opera house next Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee, in an entirely new repertoire of plays, 75c shows for 10, 20 and 30c.

The invitations are out for the reception which the members of Macon Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., will give on Friday evening, Dec. 1, to open their newly fitted hall in the Masonic Temple. The entertainment will be a large affair.

The company that will produce "The Prisoner of Zenda" at the Grand Theatre night is the same powerful cast that appeared in New York, Chicago and St. Louis with the exception of Mr. Sothern.

The leading character is taken by Mr. Gould, who by many critics is considered to be the equal if not the superior of both Sothern and Hackett, whose impersonations have been so highly extolled.

Board Meeting. The members of the locating board for the Odd Fellows' Old Folks Home will meet at the St. Nicholas hotel tomorrow to effect an organization. Mrs. John A. Howe is the Decatur member of the board. The meeting was to have been held two weeks ago but owing to a death in the family of one of the members it is postponed two weeks.

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RAN AWAY FROM HOME.

Four Boys Skipped Out of Town Yesterday Morning and One Their Parents Much Worry.

David Fribourg, Guy Atkin, John Munson and Mike Rheinstorf all ran away from home yesterday morning and have not yet been heard from. They were all seen about their homes yesterday morning and apparently went to school but they were seen at the depot during the forenoon and it is supposed that they left the city on one of the outgoing trains. The boys have evidently gone away on a little frolic and will probably be home again very soon, but their act has caused a good deal of worry for their parents. The boys had evidently been planning the scheme to run away for several days. A short time ago one of the boys sold his rifle and another realized a few dollars on an old lighting rod which he cut up and sold for old metal. Each has collected some money and it is thought that they had a number of dollars between them.

The father of one of the boys said this morning that he could not imagine why his son, or in fact any of the boys had run away from home. They were boys who were well treated at home and had no excuse for such action. It is probable that the youngsters looked upon the matter in the light of a joke and will most likely be back home again tonight or tomorrow when the weather grows a little cold.

A New Business Started. The Decatur railing and collecting agency is the latest candidate for patronage in this city. It is an entirely local affair and controlled by home people. Its manager is W. T. Hicks, for several years connected with the press of Lincoln, Ill., and the right man in the right place. If there is any information that a trained newspaper man cannot get, it is not worth having. The Republic will not undertake to explain the many desirable features of the agency, as that can best be done by some of its representatives, who will call on the merchants and professional men of the city. It will say, however, that in addition to being a home institution the cost is cheaper and the service far superior to any foreign affair with like objects. The office of the agency is at 117 East Main street.

Dear Friends of the Salvation Army. We are preparing for a Christmas dinner for four hundred children of this city and we ask every friend to help us to bless these dear little ones of Decatur in giving meats, vegetables, fruits and cakes, pies, bread and every good thing to eat. We have lots of chickens promised and other things but not half enough yet. Every person please help and God will abundantly bless you all in doing so. Captain and Mrs. Teed have farewell for their new appointment and will leave here Thursday. Lieutenant Sam Trugnoting has charge of the corps until the new officers arrive.

Ready for Trade. H. E. Carmichael, the well known confectioner, who recently had the misfortune to be burned out by fire, is now ready for the Christmas and New Year trade with an absolutely fresh stock of candies and fruits. His room at 130 South Main street has been entirely refurnished with oak fixtures. He will make a specialty of evergreens and bolly for the holiday trade. It will pay you to give him a call when looking for Xmas candles.

Held a Post-mortem. Dr. Laurens Enos with assistance of Dr. N. D. Meyers held a post-mortem examination upon the late A. J. Williams and found the whole abdominal organs diseased with cancer. There was also extensive fatty degeneration of the liver, spleen, kidneys and heart which degeneration within the last few weeks extended to the spinal cord producing paralysis of the lower extremities.

Gibson Acquitted. The case of the people against Wm. Gibson which was in progress at the close of the circuit court yesterday was again taken up this morning and disposed of, the defendant being found not guilty. Gibson was charged with the larceny of a horse and harness belonging to Lou Eberone and a road wagon which belonged to Robert Wayne. The defendant was represented by Attorneys J. L. Deek and John Fitzgerald.

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MILLIONS IN IT.

The I. D. & W. Railway Case Up in Court Again.

ARGUMENTS BY NOTED ATTORNEYS.

Effort Made to Have Judge Vail Declare the Present Organization Illegal.

The attention of Judge Vail in the circuit court today is taken up in the hearing of arguments in the case of the People of the State of Illinois ex rel. Isaac H. Mills vs. the Decatur and Eastern Railway company, a case which has been in the courts for some time and has been argued in part in the court at Paris, Edgar county.

The points at issue involve the legality of the present organization or controlling company, and the possession of the property which is valued at over \$3,000,000 besides second bonds worth \$3,000,000 held by parties represented by Attorney Harry W. Crawford of Chicago and New York, bought by him for \$25,000 at a trustees' sale, subject to the first mortgage. The parol period of 1893-4 brought about a reorganization of the road under the name of the Decatur and Eastern Railway company and now the property is operated by the Indianapolis, Decatur and Western Railway company.

Mr. Crawford and his son, H. Crawford, of Chicago, with Mills Bros., represent the second mortgage bondholders, while the present organization in control of the property are represented by Attorney Charles R. Smith of New York, Attorney John S. Miller of Chicago, and Attorney W. C. Outten of Decatur.

Daniel Monahan of New York, is the stenographer in the case. He is taking down all that is said by the court and attorneys.

Among the visitors in attendance are R. B. F. Pierce, of Indianapolis, former reeve of the I. D. & W. road, Mayor D. H. Conklin, Andrew Stevens of Anderson, Ind., and others.

Attorney Crawford, who covered the intricate points in the affairs of the railroad property and quoted from law books to substantiate his position, asking the court to declare the present organization illegal, will be followed by Attorney Smith. Every point is closely watched and noted. It is a battle royal for the attorneys. The stakes are big, involving \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The road extends from Decatur to Indianapolis, a distance of 150 miles.

THOSE TWO GREAT ATTRACTIONS

The Famous Painting, "Christ Before Pilate," and the Petrified Woman.

The people of Decatur approve the petrified woman as no "Cardiff Giant." That the exhibit is appreciated as truly great and wonderful, admits of no doubt. The large number of people who have been in to see it, and the extension of time here is self-evident that it is no fake. The remarkable specimen is certainly creating more talk than anything that has been in Decatur for some time. When the exhibit opened here a great many thought it another traveling humbug, but that impression has been effectually wiped out. The leading citizens of our city agree that no more wonderful or meritorious exhibit ever visited Decatur. Go and see the specimen and you will join in the belief of all preceding you. The world-renowned painting, "Christ Before Pilate," will be on view tonight at 331 North Water street. This famous picture is by Raphael of Rome and Darnesque, after M. de Montigny and really must be seen to be appreciated as it cannot be described in type. The nominal fee of admission, only five to each exhibit, should be a great inducement to all. A descriptive lecture is given.

When You can buy the old for 20c it will pay you to come to our house to buy it. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Private Exhibition. This evening the members of the 3rd club, which is composed of eight men belonging to the Y. M. C. A. in gymnasium classes, will give a private athletic exhibition in the association gymnasium. Invitations have been sent out and only those who have tickets will be admitted. Those who will take part in the exercises are Messrs. Bear, Pennington, Roudes, Irwin, Bratt, Spies, Dixon and Pinner.

Lamps. We have everything in lamps that any one may wish. Both with glass shades and decorated globes. The prices are right on them. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Illinois Central Excursion. This was an excursion day for the Illinois Central and quite a number of home seekers went from this city. E. T. Allison and G. A. Fleming took a party of eight, among whom was Charles Kippie, of Elwin, who expects to buy homes in the south. T. R. McJostah, wife and daughter left for Houston, Texas, where they expect to locate.

Lowest Prices. On toys and Christmas presents at Wingate's.

Fixing the Bridge. Today the representatives of the Joliet Bridge Co., the firm that built the three bridges in this county, began the work of making the improvements that were required by the commissioners. Eight more reinforcement plates and a few more rivets are to be put in each bridge.

Look At the special things we have in our toy department this week. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

W. W. Foster, of Decatur, has been chosen to serve on the petit jury at the January term of the United States district court at Springfield.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Attorney I. A. Buckingham is in Tuscola. Peter Peril has gone to Chicago on a business trip. Rev. W. H. Prostky, of Kankakee, is in the city visiting friends. Mrs. C. P. Kennedy is ill at her home on East Eldorado street. Charles M. Barnett was at Mt. Auburn, in Christian county, yesterday. Rev. George F. Hall went to Salem yesterday to deliver a lecture. C. A. Pollock came down from Chicago this morning and left at noon for Douglas county. Mrs. C. A. Pollock is in Chicago visiting friends and viewing the Christmas displays. Cass Nicholson and wife have gone to Chicago where they will visit friends for two weeks. Rev. J. C. Rapp returned home yesterday from Nokomis where he attended quarterly meeting. Miss Anna Packard, who attends the Western college at Oxford, Ohio, will be home tomorrow to spend the holidays. Rev. W. H. Oannon, who has been officiating at the Edward street Christian church, has returned to his home in Pittsfield.

Law Suit at Blue Mound. Attorney J. M. Gray was in Blue Mound yesterday to try a law suit in which a Decatur man was interested. The case was that of Isaac F. McQualley against A. T. Summers, and was tried before Justice W. W. Tidd. Attorney Drennan of Taylorville, represented the plaintiff and Attorney Gray the defendant. Summers had foreclosed a mortgage he held against McQualley and after selling the goods there was a balance of \$65. This he applied to another unsecured note and McQualley sued for the amount. Justice decided in favor of Summers and he was allowed to keep the money.

Tombs of Ice. A skeleton has been found in one of the fissures of the Adenide glacier. In the southern Tyrol, which is thought to be that of an American tourist of